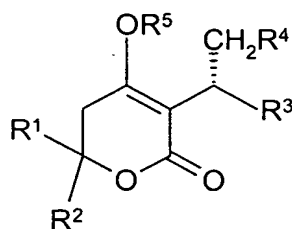


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Abstract

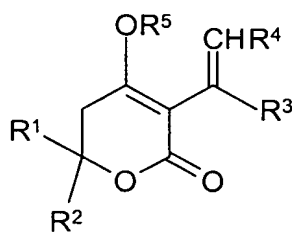
The invention relates to a process for preparing the compounds of general formula I



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formula I

by enantioselective hydrogenation of the compounds of formula II



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formula II

in the presence of special hydrogenation catalysts. The invention is characterised by high enantioselectivity, providing easy access to a category of important pharmaceutical compositions, i.e. intermediates for the synthesis of tipranavir.

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